

American Indian Endowed Scholarship

Applications are due to the HECB postmarked by February 1.

Application Information Sheet

Read the entire information sheet before completing the application. Keep a copy for your records.

How does the scholarship program work?

This program provides scholarships on a competitive basis to outstanding students with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic merit and a commitment to serve the American Indian community in Washington State. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earnings of an endowment established from funds appropriated by the Washington State Legislature with matching contributions from tribes, individuals, and organizations.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or American Indian community in Washington.
- Agree to use your education to benefit other American Indians.
- Have demonstrated financial need (as determined by the college financial aid office).
- Be a Washington State resident.
- Be enrolled or intend to enroll as a **full-time** student at an eligible Washington college or university by the **next fall term** (selection priority is given to upper division and graduate students, but all applicants will be considered).
- Not be pursuing a degree in theology.
- Have not received five years of this scholarship in total.

How do I apply for the scholarship?

- Complete the attached application or submit a hard copy of the completed electronic version of the form. The electronic application is available on the HECB Web site at <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/aies.asp> (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 5.0 or newer software, which is downloadable for free from [Adobe.com](http://adobe.com)).
- Apply for state and federal need-based financial aid at the college or university you will attend next academic year. Financial aid applications are available at your school's student aid office, or on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Financial need is among the criteria for selection as a scholarship recipient.
- On separate sheets of paper, prepare two statements describing: (1) your social and cultural ties to an American Indian community in Washington; and (2) how you will serve an American Indian community upon completing your degree.
- Submit academic transcripts for coursework from the last five-year period. Include a high school transcript (or a copy of your GED test scores) if you have less than two years of college. Official or copies of official transcripts will suffice.
- Obtain recommendation letters from three or more people **who are not members of your immediate family**. A minimum of two recommendations must verify your close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington. At least one recommendation must address your personal commitment to serve the American Indian community in Washington.
- Submit all application materials as a single, complete package to the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

How will recipients be selected?

The Board awards scholarships on a competitive basis. A committee comprised of representatives from the state's American Indian and higher education communities will review applications and select recipients. Selection will be based on academic merit and commitment to serve the American Indian community. The committee will give priority to upper division and graduate students.

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How much will I receive if I am selected?

Historically, the scholarships have been awards of \$500 - \$2,000 each for one academic year. The program advisory committee sets the number and value of awards each year after a review of the endowment interest earnings from the previous year. Renewal awards are available at the discretion of the committee. In total, recipients are eligible for a maximum of five academic years of scholarship assistance through this program. In no event may a recipient's award exceed his/her financial need as calculated by the institution's student aid office. In some cases, the scholarship may be adjusted to prevent conflict with the receipt of other student financial aid grants. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university in Washington at the time of scholarship disbursement. Funds are disbursed once each academic term through the recipient's college.

Postmark your application no later than February 1.
(Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.)

Applicant checklist

This application form must be accompanied by:

- ☐ A brief description of your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in Washington.
- ☐ A brief statement describing how you intend to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- ☐ Three or more letters of recommendation by non-family members. Two letters must verify your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in Washington. At least one letter must attest to your character and commitment to return service to the state's tribal community.
- ☐ College transcripts for coursework from the last five-year period. Include a high school transcript (or a copy of your GED test scores) if you have less than two years of college. Official or copies of official transcripts will suffice.

Mail the entire application as a single unit (including all attachments) to:

American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program
Higher Education Coordinating Board
P. O. Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

For additional information, please contact:

Ann M. Voyles-Lee, Program Manager
(360) 753-7843
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I am applying for the academic year beginning fall _____

1. Last name		First name		M.I.		2. Social Security number	
3. Current address:		Street	City	State	Zip	4. Phone ()	
5. Permanent address (if different):		Street	City	State	Zip	6. Phone ()	
7. E-mail address				8. I have been a resident of Washington, Oregon, Montana, or Idaho since: Year Month			
9. Tribal affiliation:				Enrolled?		Membership/enrollment # (if applicable):	
				Yes No			

SECTION II: Current Educational Plans			
10. College you will attend beginning fall term:		11. Class level next fall (i.e., frosh, soph, junior, senior, grad, doctoral, professional):	
12. Intended field of study:		13. Date of expected program completion:	
		Month	Year

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16. List major school, community, and leadership activities. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

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(Please complete and sign page 2 on reverse of this page)

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SECTION IV: Applicant Certification and Media Release

By my signature, I affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am selected to receive the scholarship, I understand that I must be enrolled full-time at an eligible college/university in the state by fall term of the award year. I understand that the HECB may release information contained in this application to interested parties, such as the news media and legislative personnel, for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of scholarship recipients. I have checked the shaded box below only if I DO NOT wish this information to be released.*

*NO, I do NOT authorize the HECB to release my information for the purpose of recognition.

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Applicant's signature

Date

SECTION V: Release of Information Statement (to obtain institutional verifications)

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All applicants must complete this release of information form. Financial need is one criterion used to determine your eligibility for the scholarship. This signed form will allow the school(s)/college(s) to release financial aid, enrollment, and transcript information to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The information will be used to determine eligibility for the scholarship.

Applicant's name (please print)

Applicant's Social Security number

I authorize _____ and/or other school(s)
(Name of school you will attend as of fall term)

listed on lines 10, 14 and 15 of this application, to release all necessary information about my schooling to assist the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) in its administration of the American Indian Endowed Scholarship program. This includes all demographic, enrollment, academic transcript, and student aid information.

Applicant's signature

Date

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- ☐ A brief description of your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in this state.
- ☐ A brief statement describing how you intend to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- ☐ Three or more letters of recommendation, written by non-family members. Two letters must verify your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in Washington. At least one letter should attest to your character and commitment to return service to the state's tribal community.
- ☐ College transcripts for coursework from the last five-year period. Include a high school transcript (or copy of GED test scores) if you have less than two years of college. Official or copies of official transcripts will suffice.

If you have not already done so, apply for other state and federal student financial aid. Contact the college you plan to attend for the appropriate student financial aid application, or complete the on-line form located at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Mail the application packet (with all attachments) to:
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